Fishing by Verali Vali.

391. *MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have at any time passed orders prohibiting fishing by *Verali Vali* in backwaters;

(*b*) whether the order is still in force; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, why it is not being enforced in Kayamkulam backwaters ?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) It is being enforced in Kayamkulam backwaters.

Detenues under the Travancore Defence Act.

392. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : Will the Government be pleased to state the number and names of persons detained under the Travancore Defence Act and the respective lock-ups in which they are kept ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : A *statement containing the information is placed on the table.

MR. P. V. MATHAI CHEMPARATHI (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*) : May I know whether there is any truth in the rumour that more persons are detained ?

PRESIDENT : The question need not be answered as it is based on rumour.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : It is seen from the statement that numbers 6, 7 and 10 are in jail. The remaining 7 persons are now in lock-ups. May I know whether there is any special reason for keeping them in lock-ups ?

PRESIDENT : Since the question has been raised, I might say that some gentlemen analogous to those mentioned here were kept in the Central Prison and were responsible for very great trouble in the Central Prison. That is why the most mischievous elements are kept in lock-ups and not in the Central Prison.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : With regard to Mr. R. Sugathan, may I know whether any case is pending against him at Quilon ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : Yes, he is being tried by the District Magistrate, Quilon.

MR. KANNATHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know whether there is any special reason for sending him to Erattupettah ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : Yes, there is very good reason. He is a political plague bacilli and he should therefore be seggregated away.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI (*Torala* cum *Agastiswaram*) : May I know whether all these political prisoners are charge-sheeted ?

* *Vide* Appendix VII page 924.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: No. As a matter of fact, there are only five such prisoners. Mr. George was detained but subsequently he was convicted by court of law. So he is not a detenue. Likewise Mr. K. Sanku Pillai was detained but he has been convicted for specific offences. So also, and shall I say, comrade, Mr. Sugathan who has been detained has now been prosecuted for sedition. Thus only seven persons are remaining of whom Mr. Krishna Pillai and Mr Natarajan have been detained as a matter of mutual arrangement between our Government and the Madras Government. They were behaving very badly in British India. We are asked to detain them. So, in fact we have detained only five.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKER: May I know whether some police constables were suspended for allowing strangers to interview a detenue named Srikantan Nair?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKER: May I know what were the charges against those police constables?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: They surreptitiously allowed some people to have conversation with the detenue against the orders of Government.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know why they are not given a chance to prove their innocence before a judicial tribunal?

PRESIDENT: The Defence of Travancore Rules provide that in certain cases where the conditions demand it, Government can keep people under detention without prosecuting them. Those people have been so detained.

Duty on kerosene oil.

393. ***MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of kerosene oil manufactured and the excise duty realised in respect of the same in Travancore since the Kerosene Excise Duty Bill came into force?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: The quantity of kerosene oil issued from the manufactories in the State from 27-8-1116 (the date on which the Travancore (Kerosene) Excise Duty Act came into force) to 20-11-1116 is 42,364 gallons. The Excise Duty realised thereon amounts to Bh. Rs. 7,446-12-10.

Improper methods of fishing.

394. ***MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they ever received complaints from the agriculturists of Shertala taluk regarding the inconvenience and loss they are put to by the owners of paddy fields along the coast of the Vembanad lake from Thannirmukkam to Aroor, putting into use their fields for attracting and abetting fish in poramboke waters by filling and retaining salt water in the fields for long periods ;

(*b*) if so, what action they have taken to redress the grievances of agriculturists ;

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

Appendix VI.

Vide Answer to Question No. 389.

Statement showing the number of cases of illicit fishing detected annually from 1112 to the end of Makaram 1116.

Year.	No. of cases detected by Sub-Inspectors.	No. of cases detected by Inspectors.	Total.
1112	24	2	26
1113	24	5	29
1114	23	12	35
1115	24	5	29
Till the end of Makaram 1116	47	...	47

Appendix VII.

Vide Answer to Question No. 392.

Statement of persons detained under the Defence of Travancore Act.

Sl. No.	Name of persons.	Place of detention.
1	R. Sankar	Kottar Police Station
2	G. Sreedhar	Eraniel do.
3	N. Sreekantan Nair	Karugachal do.
4	M. N. Govindan Nair	Punaloor do.
5	P. T. Punnoose	Thiruvattar do.
6	P. Krishna Pillai	Central Jail
7	K. C. George	Do.
8	M. Natarajan	Paravoor Police Station
9	R. Sugathan	Erattupetta do.
10	Kumbalathu Sanku Pillai	Alleppey Sub-Jail

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly